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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Roger Dahl et al.                      Docket: P-9334.00  
Serial No.: 10/034,905                      Group Art: Unknown  
Filed: December 28, 2001                      Examiner: Unknown  
Title: SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL STIMULATION TO A  
LEFT CHAMBER OF A HEART

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**

This is in response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) ("Decision"), mailed July 18, 2002 and having a two-month period for reply set to expire on September 18, 2002.

According to the Decision, Applicants' petition filed under 37 CFR 1.47(a), mailed April 8, 2002, was dismissed as lacking proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings) ("item (1)"), and as lacking an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 115 and 116 ("item (2)").

In regards to item (1), Applicants' assert that proof that a copy of the application papers (specification, including claims, drawings, if any, and the declaration) were sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review is shown by an enclosed copy of the cover letter transmitting the application papers to the non-signing inventor.

In addition, since the refusal by the non-signing inventor was made orally to Mr. Girma Wolde-Michael, an Affidavit to that effect signed by Mr. Girma Wolde-Michael is enclosed herein.

In regards to item (2), a new declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.67, signed by all of the signing inventors on behalf of themselves and the non-signing inventor, is submitted herein.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the petition be granted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130.00 and any fee deficiencies to deposit account number 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 18, 2002



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**AFFIDAVIT OF GIRMA WOLDE-MICHAEL**

I, Girma Wolde-Michael declare as follows:

I am the patent attorney of record for the above-identified U.S. patent application entitled SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL STIMULATION TO A LEFT CHAMBER OF A HEART.

Mr. Joe Perttu is no longer a Medtronic, Inc. employee. On or about January 22, 2002, I contacted Mr. Joe Perttu to execute an Assignment of the invention to Medtronic, Inc. Mr. Joe Perttu has orally and unequivocally refused to execute the application papers. Subsequent communications with Mr. Perttu were unsuccessful because Mr. Perttu elected not to talk to me.

Attached herewith please find a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Joe Perttu on January 22, 2002, asking for him to review the application and execute the Assignment and Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney papers.

Because of the lack of cooperation on the part of Mr. Joe Perttu to execute the Assignment and Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney papers, and because of Medtronic's proprietary interest in the matter, his defying action under 37 C.F.R. §1.47, and because such action is necessary to preserve the rights of Medtronic, Inc. and to prevent irreparable damage otherwise, the Commissioner

is respectfully requested to grant agency to Medtronic, Inc. for Roger Dahl, Thomas M. Soukup, Arnold Thornton, Elisabeth L. Belden and John L. Sommer.

A bonafide attempt has been made to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.47. The statements and declarations made are deemed acceptable under 37 C.F.R. §1.47, and the Commissioner is requested to deem the Assignment and the required papers sufficient in compliance with the applicable regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 09/18/02



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RE: U.S. Patent Application entitled "Improved System for Providing Electrical Stimulation to a Left Chamber of a Heart"  
Our File: P-9334.00

Dear Mr. Perttu:

Please find attached a patent application for "Improved System for Providing Electrical Stimulation to a Left Chamber of a Heart" for which you were listed as an inventor at the time of your employment with Angeion Corporation. This application was previously reviewed in some detail, and therefore should not require any additional review at this time. Therefore, please sign and date the attached paperwork, which includes the following:

1. Assignment - This document assigns your rights in the invention to Medtronic, Inc. It needs to be signed and dated in front of a Notary Public and notarized.
2. Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney - This document declares that you are an inventor of the subject invention in the application and that you give the power of attorney to Medtronic attorneys to prosecute the invention to issue. No notarization is necessary.
3. PCT Power of Attorney - This document gives the power of attorney to Medtronic attorneys to prosecute in foreign countries. No notarization is necessary.

Please sign all documents in blue ink and return to me as soon as possible.

Mr. Joe Perttu  
January 22, 2002  
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Finally, please note that all inventions should be held in confidence, and that any communications you have with us regarding this invention should not be discussed with, or disclosed to, any unauthorized third parties. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you on this application. Please give me a call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

MEDTRONIC, INC.

*Beth L. McMahon*

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Patent Attorney

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Enclosures



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**TRANSMITTAL**

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Filed: December 28, 2001

**CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:** I hereby certify that this TRANSMITTAL and the paper(s), as described herein, are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 308-8916, Attn: Office of Petitions at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 18 day of September, 2002.

  
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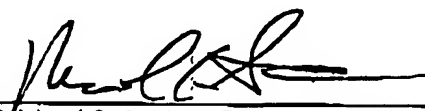
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- X Transmittal
- X Request for Reconsideration of Petition
- X Affidavit of Girma Wolde-Michael
- X Copy of letter sent to Joe Perttu on January 22, 2002
- X Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- X Return Postcard
  
- X Please charge a petition fee under 1.17(h) of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.
  
- X Please charge any additional fees or credits to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 which may have been overlooked on this Transmittal with regard to this filing. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.
  
- X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

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**UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION  
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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **IMPROVED SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ELECTRICAL STIMULATION TO A LEFT CHAMBER OF A HEART**

The specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on December 28, 2001 under application serial no. 10/034,905, was amended on        (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in International no.        filed        and as amended on        (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

- ☒ no such applications have been filed.  
☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

**FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, CLAIMING PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC §119**

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)

**§ 1.56 Duty of disclosure; fraud, striking or rejection of applications.**

(a) A duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office rests on the inventor, on each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application and on every other individual who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application. All such individuals have a duty to disclose to the Office information they are aware of which is material to the patentability of the application. Such information is material where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. The duty is commensurate with the degree of involvement in the preparation or prosecution of the application.

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
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